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CHEYENNE, WY 82002

Office of the Governor

August 26, 2004

Burton Hutchinson and Vernon Hill, chairmen
Shoshone and Arapaho Joint Business Council
PO Box 217
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

Dear Sirs:

When the position of tribal liaison was created in 2003, it was with the intention that the state of Wyoming and the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes would share in its benefits, its oversight – and its funding.

To that end, I am writing to inform you that the \$100,000 expected from the Joint Business Council for the 2005-06 biennium is approximately two months overdue. We have managed to keep the position alive with remaining funds for now, but cannot do so much longer.

You recently received a letter to this effect from Rich Marble, this office's fiscal adviser, requesting that you remit checks for the remaining amount by Aug. 31. A copy is attached. As that date draws near, it would seem that a reminder is in order. If you have no intentions of supplying your share of the funding – as provided for in the authorizing statute – please let me know so that we may decide how best to proceed.

I believe the existence of a liaison between the tribes and the state is important, and the state has already demonstrated its commitment.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dave Freudenthal", is written over the typed name.

Dave Freudenthal
Governor

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